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SUBJECT: CLUB OF TEN AD IN "WASHINGTON POST"

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1. ACCORDING TO DAVID SIBEKO, LONDON REPRESENTATIVE, ANC, CLUB OF TEN IS RECENTLY FORMED PRO-SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT GROUP WHICH IS COMPOSED LARGELY OF, IN SIBEKO'S WORDS, NOTORIOUS RIGHT-WINGERS. GERALD SPARROW, SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, IS THE ONLY MEMBER WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC. SPARROW IS A FORR JUSTICE OF SOME STATURE AND, AGAIN ACCORDING TO SIBEKO, IS MORE RESPECTABLE THAN OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP.

2. IN ADDITION TO AD PLACED IN "WASHINGTON POST", CLUB OF TEN HAS ALSO PUT SIMILAR ADVERTISEMENTS IN PAPERS IN AUSTRALIA AND ENGLAND. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP INCLUDE PREPARATION OF A BOOK DEFENDING APARTHEID WHICH IS DUE TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY PLACED A PURCHASE ORDER OF SOME 700 COPIES.

3. FCO KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT CLUB OF TEN BUT WHAT INFORMATION THEY HAVE CONFIRMS WHAT SIBEKO SAYS. SOUTHERN
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AFRICAN DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET A COPY OF JUDGE

SPARROW'S BOOK, WHICH IS CALLED "NOT WHAT I EXPECTED", BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT WHO IS PUBLISHING IT. SPARROW IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SERVED IN THE COLONIAL JUDICIARY. HE IS AN OUTSPOKEN ADMIRER OF IAN SMITH.

4. MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE ON CLUB OF TEN IS SAID TO BE BRYAN WILLAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON'S CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES. WILLAN NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND WE WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM UNTIL LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. WILL FORWARD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE MAY ACQUIRE ON CLUB OF TEN FROM HIM OR OTHER SOURCES.

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